

Key Comparisons Between State and Federal Proposals

Senate Bill 128 (Introduced in January 2005)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mercury emissions reduced to a total of 24 pounds emitted, achieved by 2013 with opportunities for off-site reductions• No baseline mercury level established• No economic incentives to keep rate payer rates low
US EPA Mercury Guidelines (Introduced in March 2005)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sets compliance date of 2018• Target removal of 70%; no incentives for further reductions• Proposes national cap & trade system for mercury by 2013, with potential for purchase of credits for compliance
Mercury Collaborative Plan (Introduced in November 2005)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sets compliance date of 2013• Requires 80% reduction of mercury at PSNH coal-fired units with incentives for earlier reductions• Incentives for PSNH to maximize reduction capabilities of the SO₂ reduction technology beyond 2013• Over-compliance credits established for mercury reduction above 80%• All reductions achieved on-site; no purchase of credits permitted for compliance